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Dear Editor,

I have no address for John Seigenthaler, for whom I really intend this. But I also intend it for you. If you would please send him a copy, thanks.

The existing public record refutes the McGinniss fabrications about Joe Kennedy, the plots to kill Castro and the Bay of Pigs.

JFK did not even know of the coming Bay of Pigs project of the Eisenhower administration until after the election, when at Palm Beack Allen Dulles told him part of that affair in the works.

No Kennedy knew of the CIA's plot involving the mafia. I got the enclosed CIA memo on this from it, in response to a FOIA request. I had earlier gotten another one, Harvey's memo on his conference with Bobby, but that was taken or is misfiled and the CIA has not responded to my requests for a duplicate.

As you can see, aside from the assassination team, if it can be called that, which was presumed to have some knowledge, only six people in the world knew of that CIA mafia plot and they were all high officials of the CIA.

There has never been any basis for the extraordinary commercialization of that fiction.

The first leak was by the mafia, thofugh Attorney Edward Morgan, to Drew Pearson, who went to Earl Warren, Warren sent Pearson to Rowley of the Secret Service and he sent Pearson to the FBI.

I have the FBI's records on that (and remember that leak was after the assassination by quite some time) and I do also on the fiasco of the bugging "expert" sent at Giancana's demand when he suspected that Phyllis McGuire was sleeping with Dan Martin.

This makes it clear that McGinniss, while trying to deodorize it by calling it some kind of legitimate mind reading, was really dregging the swamps and sewers of the assassination commercializers.

Not a single part of his concoction had any basis in fact or reasonable suspicion and just about all of it was well and publicly known to be false. Even that Joe Kennedy told Jack to get cracking against Castro when that was already well started under Eisenhower, with Nixon his action officer and E. Howard Hunt the political officer who was to write a new Cuban constitution.

If you or anyone else is interested in these records, they are welcome to come, go over them and copy anything they may want. This has always been my practise with the about third of a million pages I got via FOIA. I hope that what I tell you and enclose makes possible the further exposure of the wretched thing McGinnis and S&S had to know they were up to.

Sincerely, Harold Weisberg Harold Weisberg

cc: J. Yardley. Sorry my typing can't be any better.